Species List of Research Needs In Support of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Plans September 2009

PLANTS

Antioch Dunes evening-primrose (*Oenothera deltoids ssp. howellii*)

- 1. Grazing research
- 2. Research of life history, habitat requirements
- 3. Annual population monitoring

Baker's larkspur (Delphinium bakeri)

Bakersfield cactus (Opuntia treleasei)

- 1. Population monitoring
- 2. Matrix projection modeling
- 3. Systematics and genetics

Burke's goldfields (Lasthenia burkei)

- 1. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species
- 2. Research on effective eradication of non-native competitors
- 3. Develop and implement standardized population trend survey protocols to update status surveys, especially on private lands
- 4. Conduct research to asses specific physical and hydrological requirements for these species to address relationships between species occurrences and landform, soil chemistry, geographic location, and precipitation regimes
- 5. Conduct research on the reproductive ecology, gene flow patterns, and seed bank dynamics comparing established restoration sites and remaining natural sites to gauge restoration efficacy

Butte County meadowfoam (*Limnathes floccose spp. californica*)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis

- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 15. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 16. Develop hydrological models
- 17. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 18. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 19. Survey for plants, pollinators
- 20. Determine effects of non-natives
- 21. Determine preferred habitat (soils, hydrology)
- 22. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

California jewelflower (Caulanthus californicus)

- 1. Conduct research and monitoring tasks in Santa Barbara Canyon
- 2. Conduct surveys at Cottonwood Pass
- 3. Propagate in greenhouses and reintroduce to appropriate habitat as necessary (efforts to date have failed, need new effort)
- 4. Matrix projection modeling
- 5. Investigate physical, chemical, and biological successful properties of the soil required for (re)establishment

Calistoga allocarya (Plagiobothrys strictus)

Chinese Camp brodiaea (Brodiaea pallida)

- 1. Determine extent of extant populations
- 2. Monitor status and trends
- 3. Survey for species beyond serpentine soils

Clara Hunt's milk vetch (Astragalus clarianus)

1. Conduct 3 years of surveys and threats assessments

Clover lupine (*Lupinus tidestromii*)

- 1. Population monitoring
- 2. Disturbance monitoring
- 3. Remap distribution using GIS
- 4. Study effects of grazing
- 5. Determine habitat requirements
- 6. Monitor population trends
- 7. Survey likely habitat

Colusa grass (*Neostapfia colusana*)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions

- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis
- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 15. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 16. Develop hydrological models
- 17. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 18. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 19. Reintroductions
- 20. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Contra Costa goldfields (Lasthenia conjugens)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis
- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 15. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 16. Develop hydrological models
- 17. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 18. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 19. Research control of invasive plants
- 20. Research genetic structure
- 21. Pollination research
- 22. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Contra Costa wallflower (Erysimum capitatum ssp. angustatum)

- 1. Grazing research
- 2. Research of life history, habitat requirements
- 3. Annual population monitoring

Coyote ceanothus (*Ceanothus ferrisae*)

- 1. Survey historic and potential habitat
- 2. Research vegetation management techniques
- 3. Study soil seed bank
- 4. Investigate effect of nitrogen deposition
- 5. Research fire ecology

El Dorado bedstraw (Galium californicum spp. sierrae)

- 1. Population monitoring
- 2. Ecological studies
- 3. Research seed germination and propagation techniques
- 4. Research effects of fire

Few-flowered navarretia (Navarretia leucocephala ssp. pauciflora)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis
- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 15. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 16. Develop hydrological models
- 17. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 18. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 19. Systematics research
- 20. Study genetic structure
- 21. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Fountain thistle (*Cirsium fontinale var. fontinale*)

- 1. Survey historic and potential habitat
- 2. Research vegetation management techniques
- 3. Study soil seed bank
- 4. Investigate effect of nitrogen deposition
- 5. Study demography and reproduction
- 6. Study techniques for opening new habitat for seedlings
- 7. Genetic studies
- 8. Investigate propagation and habitat requirements

Greene's tuctoria (*Tuctoria greenei*)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis
- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 15. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 16. Develop hydrological models
- 17. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 18. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 19. Develop methods to control weedy invasives
- 20. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Hairy Orcutt grass (Orcuttia pilosa)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis
- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 15. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 16. Develop hydrological models
- 17. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 18. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 19. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Hartweg's golden sunburst (Pseudobahia bahiifolia)

- 1. Survey and monitor populations last surveys ~1993
- 2. Conduct coordinated surveys

<u>Hoover's spurge (Chamaesyce hooveri)</u>

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis
- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 15. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 16. Develop hydrological models
- 17. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 18. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 19. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Howell's spineflower (*Chorizanthe howellii*)

- 1. Population monitoring
- 2. Disturbance monitoring
- 3. Remap distribution using GIS
- 4. Study effects of grazing
- 5. Determine habitat requirements
- 6. Monitor population trends
- 7. Survey likely habitat

<u>Ione buckwheat</u> (*Eriogonum apricum var. apricum*)

- 1. Species biology studies to address:
 - a. Disturbance regimes
 - b. Metapopulation dynamics
 - c. Seed abundance
- 2. Research whether disturbed areas can be restored (e.g., old mine sites)

<u>Ione Manzanita (Arctostaphylos myrtifolia)</u>

- 1. Investigate causes and prevention of disease
- 2. Identify extent of *P. cinnamoni*
- 3. Identify methods to prevent spread of *P. cinnamoni*
- 4. Species biology studies to address:

- a. Disturbance regimes
- b. Metapopulation dynamics
- c. Seed abundance
- 5. Research whether disturbed areas can be restored (e.g., old mine sites)
- 6. Map occurrences of species and disease status

Keck's checker-mallow (Sidalcea keckii)

- 1. Survey additional serpentine and gabbro soils in Tulare and Fresno counties
- 2. Reintroductions to protected land at Mine Hill or White River
- 3. Monitors species status and trend
- 4. Estimate population size
- 5. Estimate number and distribution of populations

Kenwood marsh checkermallow (Sidalcea oregano ssp. valida)

- 1. Invasive control and deer fencing
- 2. Survey Knight's Valley population
- 3. Determine effects from upstream land use and optimum hydrology
- 4. Determine effects of invasive plants and small herbivores

Kern mallow (Eremalche kernensis)

- 1. Conduct genetics research
- 2. Conduct matrix projection modeling

Kern primrose sphinx moth (*Euproserpinus euterpe*)

- 1. Survey for new populations
- 2. Life history and ecology research
- 3. Additional population genetic studies

<u>Lake County stonecrop</u> (*Parvisedum leiocarpum*)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis
- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 15. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 16. Develop hydrological models

- 17. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 18. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 19. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Large-flowered fiddleneck (Amsinckia grandiflora)

- 1. Study establishment of new populations
- 2. Determine causes of extirpations
- 3. Study effect of grazing
- 4. Survey for additional occurrences

Layne's butterweed (Senecio layneae)

- 1. Population monitoring
- 2. Research on reproduction and demography including seed germination studies
- 3. Study importance of fire for management
 - a. Effects of fire on seedling establishment
 - b. Dynamics of seed germination and seed production and survival in soil to determine appropriate fire return period
- 4. Determine efficacy of other disturbance regimes (other than fire) for species and habitat management
- 5. Identify pollinators

<u>Loch Lomond coyote-thistle</u> (*Eryngium constancei*)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis
- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 15. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 16. Develop hydrological models
- 17. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 18. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 19. Biosystematics research
- 20. Determine if two private sites are the listed taxon
- 21. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Many-flowered navarretia (*Navarretia leucocephala ssp. plieantha*)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis
- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 15. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 16. Develop hydrological models
- 17. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 18. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 19. Systematics research
- 20. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Marin dwarf-flax (*Hesperolinon congestum*)

- 1. Survey historic and potential habitat
- 2. Research vegetation management techniques
- 3. Study soil seed bank
- 4. Investigate effect of nitrogen deposition
- 5. Study effects of burning
- 6. Genetic studies
- 7. Study effects of grazing
- 8. Investigate seed germination and propagation techniques

Mariposa pussy-paws (*Calyptridium pulchellum*)

- 1. Generate map of potential habitat
- 2. Monitor status and trends

Metcalf Canyon jewelflower (Streptanthus albidus ssp. albidus)

- 1. Survey historic and potential habitat
- 2. Research vegetation management techniques
- 3. Study soil seed bank
- 4. Investigate effect of nitrogen deposition
- 5. Investigate genetics and taxonomy
- 6. Research propagation and outplanting techniques

Napa bluegrass (*Poa napensis*)

Pallid Manzanita (Arctostaphylos pallida)

- 1. Study effects of fire management options
- 2. Assess chaparral and scrub community health
- 3. Habitat management research
- 4. Study ecology and biology
- 5. Surveys for species abundance and distribution
- 6. Determine genetic variability
- 7. Study reproduction and demography

Palmate-bracted birds-beak (Cordylanthus palmatus)

- 1. Genetics research on Woodland and west Madera County populations
- 2. Research and monitoring at Alkali Sink
- 3. Research at Springtown
- 4. Research and monitoring at Woodland and Sacramento NWR
- 5. Matrix projection modeling

Pennell's birds-beak (Cordylanthus tenuis ssp. capillaris)

- 1. Survey historic and potential habitat
- 2. Research vegetation management techniques
- 3. Study soil seed bank
- 4. Investigate effect of nitrogen deposition
- 5. Study burning and disturbance as management strategies
- 6. Research parasitic aspects of species biology
- 7. Work with land owners to get access to plants and create easement
- 8. Investigate seed germination and propagation techniques

Pine Hill ceanothus (Ceanothus roderickii)

- 1. Population monitoring
- 2. Fire management studies
- 3. Research propagation techniques

Pine Hill flannelbush (Fremontodendron californicum ssp. decumbens)

- 1. Population monitoring
- 2. Fire management studies
- 3. Research seed germination and propagation techniques

<u>Pitkin Marsh lily (Lilium pardalinum spp. pitkinense)</u>

1. Genetic studies

Presidio clarkia (Clarkia franciscana)

- 1. Survey historic and potential habitat
- 2. Research vegetation management techniques
- 3. Study soil seed bank
- 4. Investigate effect of nitrogen deposition

Presidio Manzanita (Arctostaphylos hookeri spp. ravenii)

- 1. Develop a new pure 'inbred' founder population
- 2. Research other methods of propagation
- 3. Site selection for new populations
- 4. Identification of existing and potential habitat in the Presidio
- 5. Research role of fire/smoke
- 6. Research seed germination

Red Hills vervain (Verbena californica)

1. Establish reliable baseline data for monitoring occurrences

Sacramento Orcutt grass (*Orcuttia viscida*)

- 1. Genetic studies (some samples may have already been collected)
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 9. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 10. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 11. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 12. Population viability analysis
- 13. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 14. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 15. Develop hydrological models
- 16. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 17. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 18. Develop methods to control dispersal of invasive, manna grass (*Glyceria declinata*)
- 19. Genetic research to clarify taxonomy
- 20. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

San Francisco lessingia (Lessingia germanorum)

- 1. Large-scale dune scrub and grassland restoration
- 2. Control of non-native vegetation

San Joaquin adobe sunburst (*Pseudobahia peirsonii*)

- 1. Survey and monitor populations last surveys ~1993
- 2. Conduct coordinated surveys

San Joaquin Orcutt grass (*Orcuttia inaequalis*)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology

- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 9. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 10. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 11. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 12. Population viability analysis
- 13. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 14. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 15. Develop hydrological models
- 16. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 17. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 18. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

San Joaquin woolly-threads (Monolopia congdonii)

- 1. Research and monitoring
- 2. Matrix projection modeling
- 3. Trend analysis
- 4. Research threat of livestock

San Mateo thornmint (*Acanthomintha obovata*)

- 1. Survey historic and potential habitat
- 2. Research vegetation management techniques
- 3. Study soil seed bank
- 4. Genetic studies
- 5. Investigate effect of nitrogen deposition
- 6. Establish additional populations

San Mateo woolly sunflower (Eriophyllum latilobum)

- 1. Survey historic and potential habitat
- 2. Research vegetation management techniques
- 3. Study soil seed bank
- 4. Investigate effect of nitrogen deposition

Santa Clara Valley dudleya (*Dudleya setchellii*)

- 1. Survey historic and potential habitat
- 2. Research vegetation management techniques
- 3. Study soil seed bank
- 4. Investigate effect of nitrogen deposition
- 5. Study dispersal and connectivity
- 6. Investigate propagation and outplanting techniques
- 7. Investigate habitat requirements, especially hydrology
- 8. Investigate effects of grazing

Sebastopol meadowfoam (Limnathes vinculans)

- 1. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species
- 2. Research on effective eradication of non-native competitors
- 3. Develop and implement standardized population trend survey protocols to update status surveys, especially on private lands
- 4. Conduct research to asses specific physical and hydrological requirements for these species to address relationships between species occurrences and landform, soil chemistry, geographic location, and precipitation regimes
- 5. Conduct research on the reproductive ecology, gene flow patterns, and seed bank dynamics comparing established restoration sites and remaining natural sites to gauge restoration efficacy

Showy Indian clover (*Trifolium amoenum*)

- 1. Monitor populations to discern natural population fluctuations
- 2. Expand genetic base of Occidental population
- 3. Reintroduce both growth forms
- 4. Research effect of gophers and other disturbance regimes
- 5. Research tolerance to different soil types

Slender Orcut grass (Orcuttia tenuis)

- 1. Compare genetics of Modoc Plateau with Sacramento County and other sites
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis
- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 15. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 16. Develop hydrological models
- 17. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 18. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 19. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Soft birds-beak (*Cordylanthus mollis spp. mollis*)

- 1. Management of grazing
- 2. Effects of feral hog control
- 3. Seed banking

- 4. Population monitoring
- 5. Life history research
- 6. Surveys

Solano grass (*Tuctoria mucronata*)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 7. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 8. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 9. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 10. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 11. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 12. Population viability analysis
- 13. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 14. Study effects of fire, livestock, and importance of disturbance
- 15. Study vernal pool restoration methods to see if disturbance will enable germination
- 16. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 17. Invasives research
- 18. Reintroductions to Olcott Lake at Jepson Prairie
- 19. Assess pollination ecology
- 20. Identify indicators of ecosystem health
- 21. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Sonoma alopecurus (*Alopecurus aequalis var. sonomensis*)

- 1. Grazing trials at Point Reyes National Seashore
- 2. Investigate propagation techniques
- 3. Investigate habitat requirements
- 4. Survey for additional populations (survey historical sites)

Sonoma spineflower (*Chorizanthe valida*)

- 1. Population monitoring
- 2. Disturbance monitoring
- 3. Remap distribution using GIS
- 4. Study effects of grazing
- 5. Determine habitat requirements
- 6. Monitor population trends
- 7. Survey likely habitat

Sonoma sunshine (*Blennosperma bakeri*)

1. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

- 2. Research on effective eradication of non-native competitors
- 3. Develop and implement standardized population trend survey protocols to update status surveys, especially on private lands
- 4. Conduct research to asses specific physical and hydrological requirements for these species to address relationships between species occurrences and landform, soil chemistry, geographic location, and precipitation regimes
- 5. Conduct research on the reproductive ecology, gene flow patterns, and seed bank dynamics comparing established restoration sites and remaining natural sites to gauge restoration efficacy

Springville clarkia (Clarkia springvillensis)

- 1. Establish reliable baseline data for monitoring plant occurrences in terms of population sizes and trends, number and distribution of populations, and threats
- 2. Work with US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and California Department of Fish and Game to research the value of prescribed burning and mechanical brush removal
- 3. Work with US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and California Department of Fish and Game to research effects of livestock grazing

Stebbin's morning glory (Calystegia stebbinsii)

- 1. Population monitoring
- 2. Fire management studies
- 3. Genetics of Nevada County population
- 4. Research propagation techniques
- 5. Determine efficacy of other disturbance regimes (other than fire) for species and habitat management
- 6. Investigate feasibility of habitat restoration/enhancement
- 7. Investigate seed production and survival in soil to determine appropriate fire return period

Succulent owls-clover (Castilleja campestris ssp. succulenta)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis
- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination

- 15. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 16. Develop hydrological models
- 17. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 18. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 19. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Suisun thistle (Cirsium hydrophilium var. hydrophilium)

- 1. Research extent of hybridization with Cirsium vulgare at Rush ranch
- 2. Research impact of seed predation
- 3. Research control measures for *Rhinocyllus conicus*
- 4. Survey for new occurrences

Tiburon jewelflower (*Strepthanthus niger*)

- 1. Survey historic and potential habitat
- 2. Research vegetation management techniques
- 3. Study soil seed bank
- 4. Investigate effect of nitrogen deposition
- 5. Investigate propagation and habitat requirements

<u>Tiburon mariposa lily (Calochortus tiburonensis)</u>

- 1. Survey historic and potential habitat
- 2. Research vegetation management techniques
- 3. Study soil seed bank
- 4. Genetic studies
- 5. Study taxonomy
- 6. Investigate effect of nitrogen deposition
- 7. Investigate effects of public use trails and off trial hikers and dog walkers
- 8. Investigate germination and propagation techniques

Tiburon paintbrush (*Castilleja affinis spp. neglecta*)

- 1. Survey historic and potential habitat, especially in Santa Clara County
- 2. Research vegetation management techniques
- 3. Study soil seed bank
- 4. Genetic studies
- 5. Investigate effect of nitrogen deposition
- 6. Investigate propagation
- 7. Investigate habitat requirements
- 8. Investigate life history

Vine Hill clarkia (*Clarkia imbricate*)

1. Survey historic and potential habitat

White sedge (*Carex albida*)

1. Genetic analysis

White-rayed pentachaeta (*Pentachaeta bellidiflora*)

- 1. Survey historic and potential habitat
- 2. Research vegetation management techniques
- 3. Study soil seed bank
- 4. Investigate effect of nitrogen deposition
- 5. Experimental reseeding
- 6. Reintroduction to protected, suitable locations
- 7. Investigate seed germination and propagation techniques

Yellow larkspur (*Delphinium luteum*)

- 1. Conduct status surveys; survey historical and potential habitat
- 2. Locate suitable habitat for reintroductions
- 3. Research outplanting techniques

INVERTEBRATES

Bay checkerspot butterfly (Euphydryas editha bayensis)

- 1. Determine effects of nitrogen deposition
- 2. Research on methodology for artificial rearing
- 3. Determine effects of grazing, fire, and mowing
- 4. Investigate importance of other nectar plants
- 5. Study reason for limited reproductive success

California freshwater shrimp (Syncaris pacifica)

- 1. Monitor and evaluate habitat conditions and populations
- 2. Determine preferred habitat
- 3. Conduct research on:
 - a. Feeding ecology
 - b. Population characteristics
 - c. Dispersal
- 4. Range-wide surveys

Callippe silverspot butterfly (Speyeria callippe callippe)

- 1. Surveys to determine distribution
- 2. Genetic studies to determine relationships among subspecies
- 3. Study host plant use
- 4. Investigate role of nectar resources
- 5. Habitat restoration
- 6. Vegetation management
- 7. Determine abiotic habitat characteristics
- 8. Captive propagation
- 9. Reintroductions
- 10. Study effects of air pollution/nitrogen deposition

Conservancy fairy shrimp (Branchinecta conservatio)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy

- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Cyst bank dynamics
- 8. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 9. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 10. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 11. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 12. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 13. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 14. Population viability analysis
- 15. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 16. Review existing shrimp cyst collection, storage, and application mechanisms and success
- 17. Develop site-specific mechanisms and success criteria for shrimp cyst collection storage and application
- 18. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 19. Develop hydrological models
- 20. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 21. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 22. Determine if early drying of Olcott impacts survival and reproduction
- 23. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Delta green ground beetle (*Elaphrus viridis*)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis
- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 15. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 16. Develop hydrological models
- 17. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 18. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 19. Captive breeding research

- 20. Research on life history characters
- 21. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Lange's metalmark butterfly (Apodemia mormo langei)

- 1. Grazing research
- 2. Annual population monitoring
- 3. Research of life history, habitat requirements

Longhorn fairy shrimp (Branchinecta longiantenna)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land see specific areas in five-year review
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis
- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 15. Review existing shrimp cyst collection, storage, and application mechanisms and success
- 16. Develop site-specific mechanisms and success criteria for shrimp cyst collection storage and application
- 17. Study effects of fire, livestock
- 18. Develop hydrological models
- 19. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 20. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 21. Surveys on private lands that shown high probability of supporting longhorn fairy shrimp
- 22. Develop restoration and reintroduction methods
- 23. Study competition and coexistence with Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp in east Contra Costa County
- 24. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Mission blue butterfly (Icaricia icariodes missionensis)

- 1. Inventory butterflies and food plants
- 2. Conduct annual surveys of butterflies and food plants
- 3. Determine synecological relationships
- 4. Determine biological requirements of food plants
- 5. Investigate biology of tending ant species
- 6. Identify perturbation processes

- 7. Determine necessary size of colonies
- 8. Determine necessary habitat quality and quantity

Myrtle's silverspot butterfly (Speyeria zerene myrtleae)

- 1. Annual surveys of three known populations
- 2. Conduct life history and behavior research
- 3. Conduct surveys throughout known range to find new populations

San Bruno elfin butterfly (*Callophrys mossii*)

- 4. Inventory butterflies and food plants
- 5. Conduct annual surveys of butterflies and food plants
- 6. Determine synecological relationships
- 7. Determine biological requirements of food plants
- 8. Investigate biology of tending ant species
- 9. Identify perturbation processes
- 10. Determine necessary size of colonies
- 11. Determine necessary habitat quality and quantity
- 12. Re-establish populations

Shasta crayfish (Pacifastacus fortis)

- 1. Monitor barrier created by culverts and fortify
- 2. Survey Lava Creek for signal crayfish, install barriers, eradicate signal crayfish as appropriate
- 3. Feasibility study for installing barrier at outflow of Big Lake into the Tule River
- 4. Assess and develop barrier for Crystal Cove and Crystal Inlet
- 5. Develop alternative levee maintenance practices
- 6. Flume studies to test barrier designs
- 7. Determine recharge area for Fall River
- 8. Estimate Shasta crayfish abundance and develop targets for sustainable, well-distributed population
- 9. Determine food preferences and nutritional requirement
- 10. Determine effects of signal crayfish
- 11. Determine effects of cross-mating
- 12. Determine effects of pathogens
- 13. Genetic studies

Valley elderberry longhorn beetle (*Desmocerus californicus dimorphus*)

1. Determine optimum habitat for reintroductions

Vernal pool fairy shrimp (Branchinecta lynchi)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study species biology
- 3. Develop standardized monitoring
- 4. Survey on private land
- 5. Data analysis using GIS what occurrences have been extirpated
- 6. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions

7. Determine whether new populations are from inoculum or reproduction

- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 10. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 11. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 12. Population viability analysis
- 13. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 14. Review existing shrimp cyst collection, storage, and application mechanisms and success
- 15. Develop site-specific mechanisms and success criteria for shrimp cyst collection storage and application
- 16. Study effects of fire, livestock, and other disturbance
- 17. Develop hydrological models
- 18. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 19. Compare constructed and natural pools

20. Assess number of demographically independent units

21. Determine levels of migration

- 22. Determine long-term trends in population growth
- 23. Experimentally measure probabilities of local extinction and colonization
- 24. Examine long-term hydrological effects
- 25. Research egg bank dynamics
- 26. Determine probability of detection for wet and dry season surveys
- 27. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardi*)

- 1. Genetic studies
- 2. Study taxonomy
- 3. Study species biology
- 4. Develop standardized monitoring
- 5. Survey on private land
- 6. Data analysis using GIS
- 7. Controlled propagation, introductions, reintroductions
- 8. Standardize surveys/determine probability of detection
- 9. Determine dispersal mechanisms
- 10. Investigate methods to remediate contamination by herbicides, salt, industrial chemicals
- 11. Investigate methods to monitor ecosystem function and response
- 12. Study genetics in relation to potential reintroductions
- 13. Population viability analysis
- 14. Identify methods to remediate lead contamination
- 15. Review existing shrimp cyst collection, storage, and application mechanisms and success
- 16. Develop site-specific mechanisms and success criteria for shrimp cyst collection storage and application
- 17. Study effects of fire, livestock

- 18. Develop hydrological models
- 19. Study vernal pool restoration methods
- 20. Compare constructed and natural pools
- 21. Standardized formal monitoring protocol
- 22. Determine extent of distribution
- 23. Improvement of presence-absence survey guidelines
- 24. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

AMPHIBIANS

California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*)

- 1. Develop surveying and monitoring protocol
- 2. Conduct surveys: Tehachapi Mountains, Santa Monica Mountains, Sisquoc River, Upper Salinas River, Carrizo Plain, and historic and current Sierra Nevada range
- 3. Develop population monitoring program
- 4. Conduct population viability analyses for metapopulations
- 5. Study upland use, dispersal habits, and overland movements
- 6. Investigate contaminants issues
- 7. Investigate effects of mosquito fish
- 8. Determine genetic and ecological relationships between *R. a. draytonii* and *R. a. aurora*
- 9. Determine if distinct population segments are present
- 10. Experimental habitat manipulations
- 11. Determine effect of livestock waste
- 12. Determine grazing thresholds
- 13. Determine effects of Eucalyptus
- 14. Study frog-turtle interactions

California tiger salamander, Sonoma County (*Ambystoma californiense*)

- 1. Monitor to determine metamorphic success of cohort
- 2. Research success of underpasses
- 3. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

California tiger salamander, central (*Ambystoma californiense*)

- 1. Determine function of permanent ponds in dynamics of larval survival and phenology of prey
- 2. Assessment of upland habitat
- 3. Study effects of hypoxia and vegetation load
- 4. Determine effects of road run off on vernal pool species

REPTILES

Alameda whipsnake (*Masticophis lateralis euryxanthus*)

- 1. Study effects of fire management options
- 2. Assess chaparral and scrub community health
- 3. Habitat management research

- 4. Study ecology and biology
- 5. Surveys for species abundance and distribution
- 6. Determine genetic variability
- 7. Study reproduction and demography

Blunt-nosed leopard lizard (Gambelia sila)

- 1. Metapopulation genetics research
- 2. Conduct metapopulation viability analysis
- 3. Census and monitoring
- 4. Study effects of translocations and agricultural land retirement

Giant garter snake (Thamnophis gigas)

- 1. Identify areas of high GGS concentration
- 2. Identify corridors for GGS movement
- 3. Study water quality and toxicology issues
- 4. Study response of GGS to fallowing of rice fields
- 5. Install and study use of roadway box culverts for snake passage
- 6. Range-wide surveys
- 7. Determine habitat requirements
- 8. Determine salinity tolerance

San Francisco garter snake (Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia)

- 1. Population estimation
- 2. Determine population trends and demographic structure
- 3. Determine level of hybridization and genetic relatedness

BIRDS

California clapper rail (Rallus longirostris obsoletus)

- 1. Study research methods for ditching and mosquito abatement
- 2. Study research methods for control and eradication of *Spartina alterniflora* and hybrids
- 3. Study research methods for eradication of *Lepidium latifolium*
- 4. Develop system for early detection of invasive plants
- 5. Study establishment of satellite populations
- 6. Study transition from dyked wetlands to tidal marsh
- 7. Surveys and annual counts
- 8. Monitor survival and mortality at all life stages
- 9. Study rail population ecology
- 10. Determine effects of Spartina treatments on rails
- 11. Rail diet analysis
- 12. Determine sedimentation rates
- 13. Study human-caused freshwater discharges
- 14. Study effects of salinity fluctuations
- 15. Study physical processes that maintain suitable habitat
- 16. Study effects of global warming

17. Conduct contaminants research

MAMMALS

Buena Vista Lake shrew (Sorex ornatus relictus)

- 1. Conduct census
- 2. Study demography
- 3. Study dynamics and effects of habitat enhancements
- 4. Introductions/reintroductions
- 5. Study effects of pesticide use and drift
- 6. Population genetics
- 7. Study effects of selenium

Fresno kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratoides exilis*)

Giant kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys ingens*)

- 1. Habitat restoration
- 2. Reintroductions
- 3. Fungus and respiratory problems (potential emerging issue)
- 4. Identify components of diet
- 5. Grazing effects related to density

Riparian brush rabbit (*Sylvilagus bachmani riparius*)

- 1. Population genetics
- 2. Determine whether populations are self-sustaining without input from captive breeding program

Riparian woodrat (*Neotoma fuscipes riparia*)

- 1. Population genetics
- 2. Study methodology and success of reintroductions
- 3. Determine habitat requirements

Salt marsh harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*)

- 1. Study research methods for ditching and mosquito abatement
- 2. Study research methods for control and eradication of *Spartina alterniflora* and hybrids
- 3. Study research methods for eradication of Lepidium latifolium
- 4. Develop system for early detection of invasive plants
- 5. Study habitat quality from dyked wetlands to tidal marsh
- 6. Surveys and annual counts
- 7. Determine sedimentation rates
- 8. Study human-caused freshwater discharges
- 9. Study effects of salinity fluctuations
- 10. Study physical processes that maintain suitable habitat
- 11. Study effects of global warming
- 12. Conduct contaminants research

- 13. Movement studies
- 14. Determine impact of non-native *Spartina* on mice
- 15. Study predation rates
- 16. Develop diagnostic test to distinguish between salt marsh and western harvest mice
- 17. Population genetics

San Joaquin kit fox (Vulpes macrotis mutica)

- 1. Estimate habitat area as of publication of Recovery Plan:
- 2. Census and demography research
- 3. Predict and maintain compatible land uses
- 4. Determine interactions and effects of red foxes, coyotes, feral dogs
- 5. Metapopulation genetics
- 6. Refine metapopulation viability analysis
- 7. Conduct range-wide surveys and surveys at edges of known range
- 8. Determine direct and indirect effects of rodenticides
- 9. Investigate source-sink dynamics in corridors and small parcels
- 10. Determine dietary energetics of various prey bases (k-rats, ground squirrels, etc)

<u>Tipton kangaroo rat (Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides)</u>

1. Conduct metapopulation viability analysis